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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

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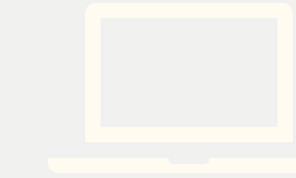
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“Yesterday’s the past,
tomorrow’s the future,
but today is a gift.
That’s why it’s called
the present.”

BIL KEANE
woman's day



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
- ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
- iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
- iv. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**
- v. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**
- vi. ENGLISH SPEAKING TIPS**

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

When need or dare is followed by not, it turns into modal auxiliary. In that situation it takes Bare Infinitive 'and we cannot use needs not or dares not



(a) He needs not do it.

(b) He daren't to hurt his brother.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Each is used in speaking of two or more things, **every** is used only in speaking of more than two.





A. Every of the two boys will get a prize.

B. Each of boys were present.



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

Winter is here

The games in China have taken on political significance, domestically and globally

Tensions spill over

It is the first time that India has announced a diplomatic boycott of the Olympic Games ceremony

WHO ALL ARE BOYCOTTING (SENDING SPORTS TEAM BUT NO DIPLOMATS OR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES) THE EVENT?

- India (due to Chinese "politicisation" of games, fielding Galwan PLA commander as torchbearer)
- The U.S., the U.K., Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Czech Republic (due to human rights concerns in Xinjiang, Tibet, etc)

- Austria, Sweden (due to COVID-19 protocols)



ARTICLE

On the eve of the opening of the Winter Olympics in Beijing on Friday, India announced a **diplomatic boycott** of the games. The MEA said no Indian official will be present at the opening or closing ceremonies of the games, which run from February 4 to 20. The decision for an official boycott of the games — alone Indian athlete who qualified, skier Arif Khan, will still take part in both the games and in the opening ceremony along with support staff— followed China's move this week to choose a PLA commander as one of the participants of the **traditional torch relay**. The commander was **involved** in the June 15, 2020 **clash** in Galwan Valley. He was **subsequently** given military honours by Beijing. The MEA said the commander's participation in the torch relay was "**regrettable**".

ARTICLE

Until this week, New Delhi was considering having its top diplomat in Beijing attend the games. Only in November, India joined Russia in expressing support for the games, following a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China. If India, dealing with its own long list of problems with China and a continuing **standoff** along the Line of Actual Control, had initially planned to not involve itself in the politics surrounding the games, Beijing's torch relay changed that calculus. The broader context of the selection of the PLA commander is an on-going campaign by China to publicise Galwan and highlight the "bravery" of PLA troops. India's statement of support for the games in November had come amid the U.S. and its **allies** announcing a diplomatic boycott because of rights violations.

ARTICLE

China **denounced** the diplomatic boycott by around a dozen countries — which India has now joined **albeit** for different reasons — as “**politicizing**” the games. It is another matter that Olympic Games, through history, have been inherently political events. For host nations, holding a successful games carries the promise of **burnishing the legitimacy** of the government of the day. The games within China have certainly taken on particular political significance **domestically**, in the context of the country’s battle against COVID-19. Last month, President Xi Jinping noted that the 2022 Olympics would be “the first international multi-sport event to be held as scheduled since the **outbreak** of the COVID-19 pandemic”. The underlying message is that the successful holding of the games amid the pandemic is another example of the superiority of the Chinese political model.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

PROTRACTED (ADJECTIVE): (दीर्घ):

Prolonged

Synonyms: Extended, Drawn out

Antonyms: Shortened

Example Sentence:

We were struggling with a protracted and bitter dispute.

DEVASTATE (VERB): (तबाह करना): Shatter

Synonyms: Shock, Stun

Antonyms: Enrich

Example Sentence:

She was entirely devastated due to the loss of her son.

CONSTRAINT (NOUN): (बाध्यता): Inhibition

Synonyms: Uneasiness, Embarrassment

Antonyms: Openness

Example Sentence:

They would be able to talk without constraint.



DELIBERATION (NOUN): (सावधानी): Care

Synonyms: Caution, Slowness

Antonyms: Haste

Example Sentence:

**He replaced the glass on the table with
deliberation.**





LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for Idioms & Phrases



1. Carrot and stick policy

- A. reward and punishment
- B. dishonest
- C. arrogant
- D. selfish policy



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A) reward and punishment

2. Dig the grave

- A. to make space to rest
- B. to destroy
- C. to make space for planning
- D. to build something



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B) to destroy

3. **Die-hard**

- A. **very weak**
- B. **about to die**
- C. **living life full**
- D. **persistent in struggle**



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D) persistent in struggle

4. **Down and out**

- A. **poor and ruined**
- B. **defeated**
- C. **begging**
- D. **out of style**



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Answer: Option A

5. **Eat humble pie**

- A. to forget
- B. to apologize
- C. to request
- D. to order



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Solution: B. to apologize

6. **Fly in the face of**

A. **coward**

B. **to defy**

C. **do acting**

D. **do not follow instructions**



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B) to defy

7. Full tilt

- A. with maximum energy
- B. eating maximum
- C. thinking of eating
- D. with no demand



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A) with maximum energy

8. Gain ground

- A. to get a shelter
- B. to get a piece of land
- C. to succeed slowly
- D. to give excuses



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Answer: Option C

9. **Giddy goat**

- A. to act bravely**
- B. to act slowly**
- C. to act foolishly**
- D. to act as advised**



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Answer: Option C

10. Give up the ghost

- A. give up a fear
- B. give up in the war
- C. to pass away
- D. to rest for some time



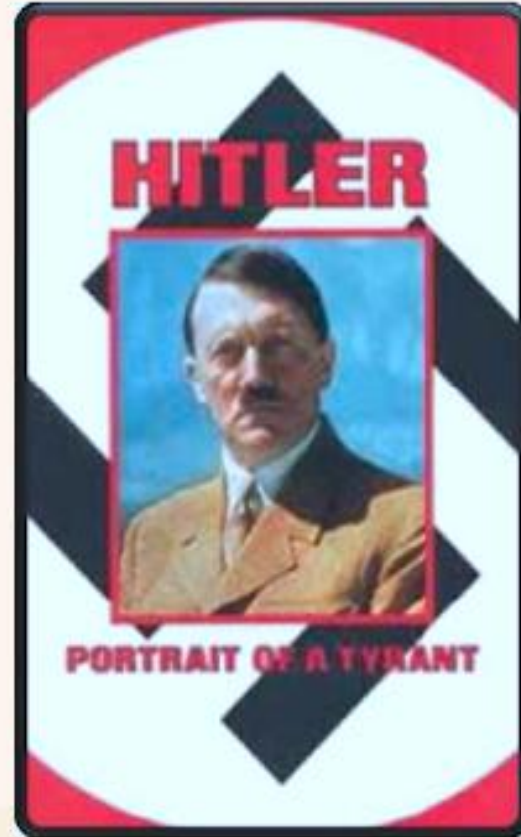
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Answer: Option C

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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Tyrannical



Definition using power or authority over people in an unfair and cruel way

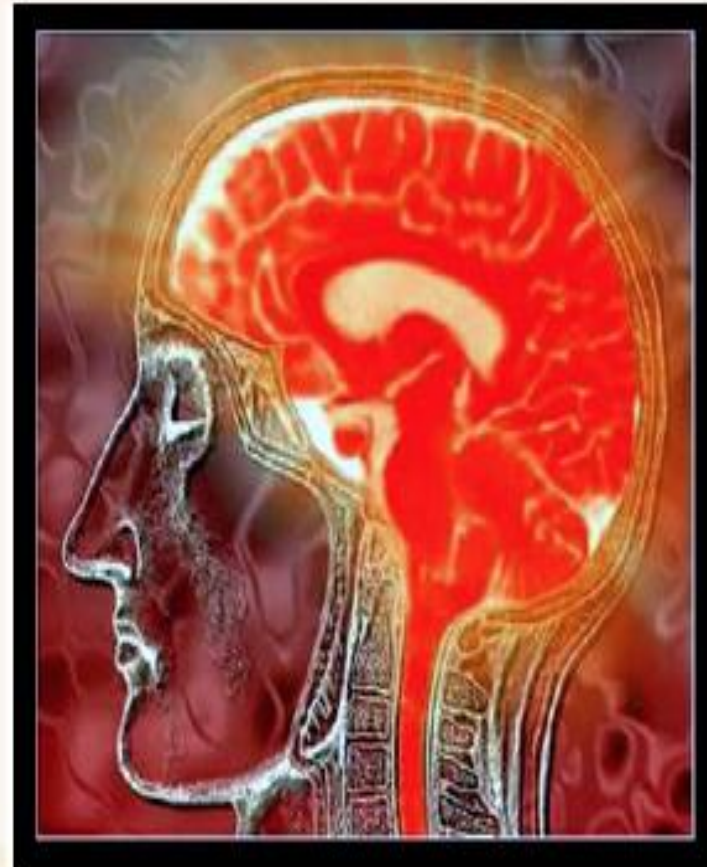
Blow



- Definition** 1) a hard hit with the hand, a weapon, etc.
2) a sudden event which has damaging effects on someone or something, causing sadness or disappointment



Intellect



Definition the ability to think in a logical way | a very intelligent person

ENGLISH SPEAKING

TIPS

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बरसात का अपना अलग ही मज़ा है |

Rain has its own pleasure.

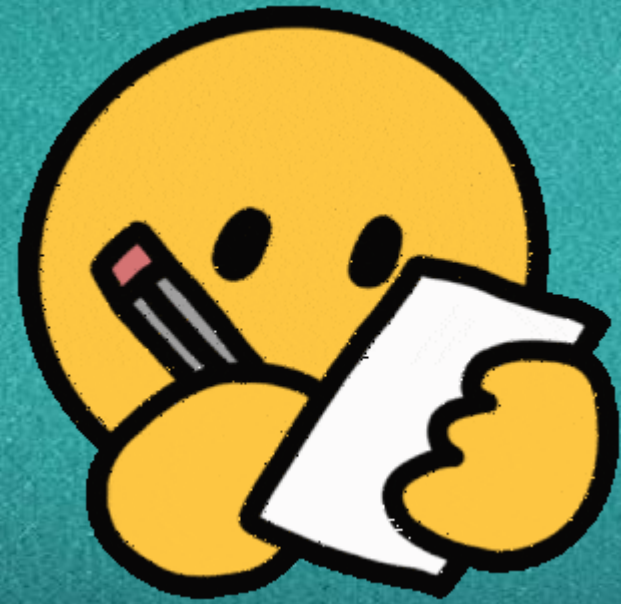
अब तो यह केवल समय ही बतायेगी |

Now only time will tell it.

जो हुआ सो हुआ आगे ध्यान रखना |

Bygones be bygones take care in future.

Homework



Home Work

Flesh and blood

- A. Non vegetarian**
- B. Animals which eat non veg**
- C. Human nature**
- D. Animal nature**

Home Work

Answer

Hard nosed attitude

A. quality to forgive

B. protective

C. calm

D. aggressive

